

Dear Dean Elvejhem:

As we discussed in conversation with you on June 4, we feel that it would be desirable to clarify the university's policy with regard to degree examinations of students working on ~~research~~ research contracts. <sup>We and</sup> Many of our colleagues are principal investigators on contracts with or grants from federal agencies. While almost all of these contracts are "unclassified" many of them still provide for clearance of research data prior to <sup>extramural</sup> publication. These provisions are <sup>confusing and</sup> embarrassing in regard to the possible necessity for security clearance of professors sitting in degree examinations. A statement of policy from the Graduate School would help to delineate the procedures that should be followed. We offer the following suggestions for consideration by the Administrative Committee.

1. That it be reaffirmed that every member of the faculty has the traditional <sup>higher</sup> academic privilege of attending any degree examination, ~~although~~ <sup>candidate</sup> The responsibility for ~~the~~ judging the ~~student's~~ performance lies with the duly appointed examining committee, which is selected by the Dean of the Graduate School from the faculty at large.

2. That exceptions ~~to~~ this rule be recognized as limitations of the academic privilege. When required by extraordinary legal or contractual obligations of the University, the Dean of the Graduate School may constitute an examining committee <sup>from a selected list</sup> of faculty members ~~who hold security clearance or other nonacademic qualifications,~~ and may authorize a closed examination.

It goes without saying that if these or comparable resolutions are promulgated they should be circulated to interested faculty members and ~~the~~ contracting agencies. Existing contracts ought to be studied by these parties to determine whether they <sup>will</sup> require exceptions in the examination of degree candidates.

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